

San Diego DX Club Bulletin

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APRIL PROGRAM

JT65 LIVE DEMO

MEETING NOTICE:

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27, 2016

JOIN US AT THE SIZZLER, 3755 Murphy Canyon Road,

San Diego, CA 92123 (858) 278-6988

SOCIAL HOUR, 5:00 P.M. DINNER, 5:30 P.M.

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From the Prez . . .

John Vissat, NA6L

Spock (K7JA) and Captain Kirk (N6TR) "Invade" IDXC Visalia 2016 and try to abduct Denise KJ6JAL. Needless to say, all of the club members that attended the recent International DX Convention (AKA HAM Love-in) at Visalia California had a great convention (I'd guess that at least 30% of our membership attended).



At times you could not walk 10 feet without seeing another smiling fellow club member from SDDXC who usually was completely engrossed in conversations with other HAMs -- DX on the brain. SDDXC is full of DX and contesting rock stars but in Visalia you also get to meet other National and International DX heroes. Our club was very well repre-

sented in the volunteer staffing for the event - a big thank you to all of you who gave your time to help.

The Master Ceremonies was John Barcroft. K6AM

The Registration Team (AKA the "Packet Police") was comprised of:

Art Charette, K6XT; Gayle Olson, K6GO; Mike Binder, NA6MB; Jim McCook, W6YA; John Vissat, NA6L; Denise Vissat, KJ6JAL; Jim Stevenson, W6YI; Ron Rosson, N6XT; Dick Kalkofen, K6KAL; Rusty Kalkofen, AF6WF; John Tyson, N6WST; Dennis Vernacchia, N6KI and Joe Hypnarowski, W6VNR.

Our Vice President Howard Groveman W6HDG could not attend the event but had all of the registration ducks in a line well prior to the event. More about him later.

And not to be forgotten were the "trustworthy" raffle drawing team members (AKA the "Prize Police"), Tom, N6JOJ; Dan, N6ERD; Steve, AI6CX and Bob, KA7IGN.

After a board vote, our SDDXC 2015 DX'er of the year selection was held in secrecy until being unveiled in front of about 700 HAMs at the 2016 IDXC dinner banquet. Unfortunately our recipient Howard Groveman W6HDG was unable to attend the event and Mike Binder NA6MB was there to receive the plaque. Although there were other qualified candidates Howard's blend of accomplishments tipped the award scale.



From the Prez (cont'd) . . .



NA6L announces SDDXC DXer of the Year: W6HDG (NA6MB accepting)

At 250 entities worked Howard is one of the top in the Club's 2015 DXCC one year counts, was the "catalyst" for the successful Poway antenna/tower permitting fight (a benchmark for the rest of the state) and donated money to the effort, he even brought hot dogs and sodas to the meetings, attended every city council meeting and was the first one to get a new tower up in the air. He has done a great job as the SDDXC VP and program director for the club, he did all of the heavy lifting for moving us to modern dues payment via Paypal and a spreadsheet based roster (a ton of work). He also lead the charge for our club's fulfillment for the Visalia registration program. I could list his other accomplish-

ments but I'd run out of newsletter space. Please congratulate Howard W6HDG when you get a chance.



Packet row -- 650 HAMs to say hello to!



Tom and Dan Spinning the big ticket drum



Did I mention that there was a hot market trading free drink tickets? Your club did a fabulous job with registration and raffle prize management and I hope to see even more of you at the IDXC events in the future. Get ready because we do the registration again in 2018 (-; More IDXC photos here <http://bit.ly/Visalia2016>.

John, NA6L

Secretary/Treasurer Reports

Ellen, N6UWW



San Diego DX Club

Meeting Minutes March 23, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 6:30PM by John, NA6L, at the Sizzler Restaurant.

Visitors – Scott

Randy Standke, KQ6RS and Mark, AF6TC were voted into membership.

Old Business – Shirts are available for those who ordered them. Volunteers for the registration desk at Visalia are still needed.

New Business – none.

Roundtable discussion - Charlie, NN3V and Howard, W6HDG presented ELMER AWARDS to Dennis, N6KI and John, NA6L.

Gayle, K6GO presented an idea about creating a SAN DIEGO DX CLUB STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP, suggesting that a sub-committee be formed to work toward this goal.

Dick Norton AARL SW Division Director gave a review of leadership changes at ARRL.

Art Goddard gave a presentation on Ascension Island.

Treasurer's Report

Statement Balance March 31, 2016 \$6601.46

Ellen, N6UWW

Islands on the Air, Ltd.

Following agreement with the RSGB, management of the IOTA Program has now moved to Islands on the Air (IOTA) Ltd, a new not-for-profit company, limited by guarantee in UK law. This body now has full responsibility for all aspects of the program, its day to day management, strategy, policy, finance, development, promotion and marketing. The company has been registered in the names of Roger Balister, G3KMA and Stan Lee, G4XXI who are its current directors but a full Board of Directors will be formed shortly. The new IOTA Directory, published by the RSGB this month, refers to the newly set-up company under a different name but this has now been changed in the way always intended. It will take a little time to carry through all aspects of the changed governance but IOTA enthusiasts should be assured that the new company is fully committed to completing the paperless QSLing project that will allow electronic confirmation of contacts. No significant change of policy is otherwise envisaged.

Roger Balister, G3KMA

IOTA Manager, Director/Trustee

Islands on the Air (IOTA) Ltd



THE SDDXC TOP 10

By John, K6AM

TOTAL COUNTRIES WORKED ON 30 METERS

4/16	4/15	CALL	ZNS	C-D	CFM	WKD	CHG
1.	1.	W6YA	40	?	?	337	-
2.	2.	K6AM	40	320	326	328	-
3.	4.	N7CW	40	289	289	311	-
4.	3.	K6XT	40	295	295	299	-16
5.	5.	W6YI	39	261	263	291	-
6.	6.	K6ZH	39	251	256	276	-
7.	7.	N6CW	37	?	215	275	-
8.	8.	K0XB	40	250	252	258	+1
9.	9.	WN6K	37	204	206	253	+13
10.	10.	W6YOO	33	236	238	238	+11

TOTAL COUNTRIES WORKED ON 15 METERS

4/16	4/15	CALL	ZNS	C-D	CFM	WKD	CHG
1.	1.	K6AM	40	335	345	345	+1
2.	2.	N6CW	40	?	331	342	-
3.	3.	W6YI	40	328	336	339	-
4.	4.	K0XB	40	322	329	330	-
5.	6.	N7CW	40	319	319	327	-
6.	5.	K6XT	40	313	325	325	-4
7.	7.	K6ZH	40	302	308	322	+7
8.	8.	W6YOO	40	314	319	319	+1
9.	9.	WN6K	40	285	293	315	+7
10.	10.	NA6L	40	291	291	298	+7

With about half the players submitting a report this year, we again see some nice gains, but mostly in the bottom half of the lists. All of the action is in the below 300 crowd on 30 meters as it continues to be productive with some good openings worldwide. We are also seeing some nice jumps among the more active players on 15. Both bands should have a bit more life in them as we slide down the back side of cycle 24.

Each month, we will publish top ten lists for one of the lesser recognized but hard won categories. Coming up next, the other WARC bands, 160 and RTTY. Please send me your totals for each band throughout the year and you will be listed in coming months. Use the convenient form at <http://www.sddxc.org> or bring 'em to the meeting.

John, K6AM

SDDXC RESULTS 2015 ARRL SWEEPSTAKES CW CONTEST

CLASS	CALL	SCORE	QSO'S	MLTS	
MS - HP	W6YI (+ K6AM N6MJ N6AN N5ZO N6KI, ops)	229,910	1,385	83	#1 US/VE #1 OVERALL (ALL CLASSES)
MS - LP	NX6T (N6KI, W6RW, N0DY, KB7V, N6EEG, N6CY, W6JBR, 9A6A, ops)	152,388	918	83	#2 SW DIV #4 US/VE
SO - Q	N7CW	101,924	614	83	#3 SW DIV #7 US/VE
SO - LP	WN6K	83,424	528	79	#7 SW DIV
SO - LP	KG7NV (K6ZH)	16,352	146	56	
SO - LP	W6JBR	836	22	19	
SO - HP	N5ZO	10,976	112	49	

From the Editor



Bob, K9RHY

Shown below is one of my prized P5RS7 QSL cards. Unfortunately, it doesn't count. P5 is the last counter I need for a "clean sweep". In 1992, I enjoyed a brief stint as one of the DXers at the Top of the Honor Roll. But then P5 intruded. I was off the air for P5/4L4FN and travelling during the brief P5/3Z9DX operation. Missed Martti Laine as P51BH because I was relocating. UGH!

But now this tidbit has surfaced: "An international team has planned a DXpedition to North Korea in May 2016. "

I have my fingers crossed. Tightly.



P5RS7
DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA

Bob, K9RHY

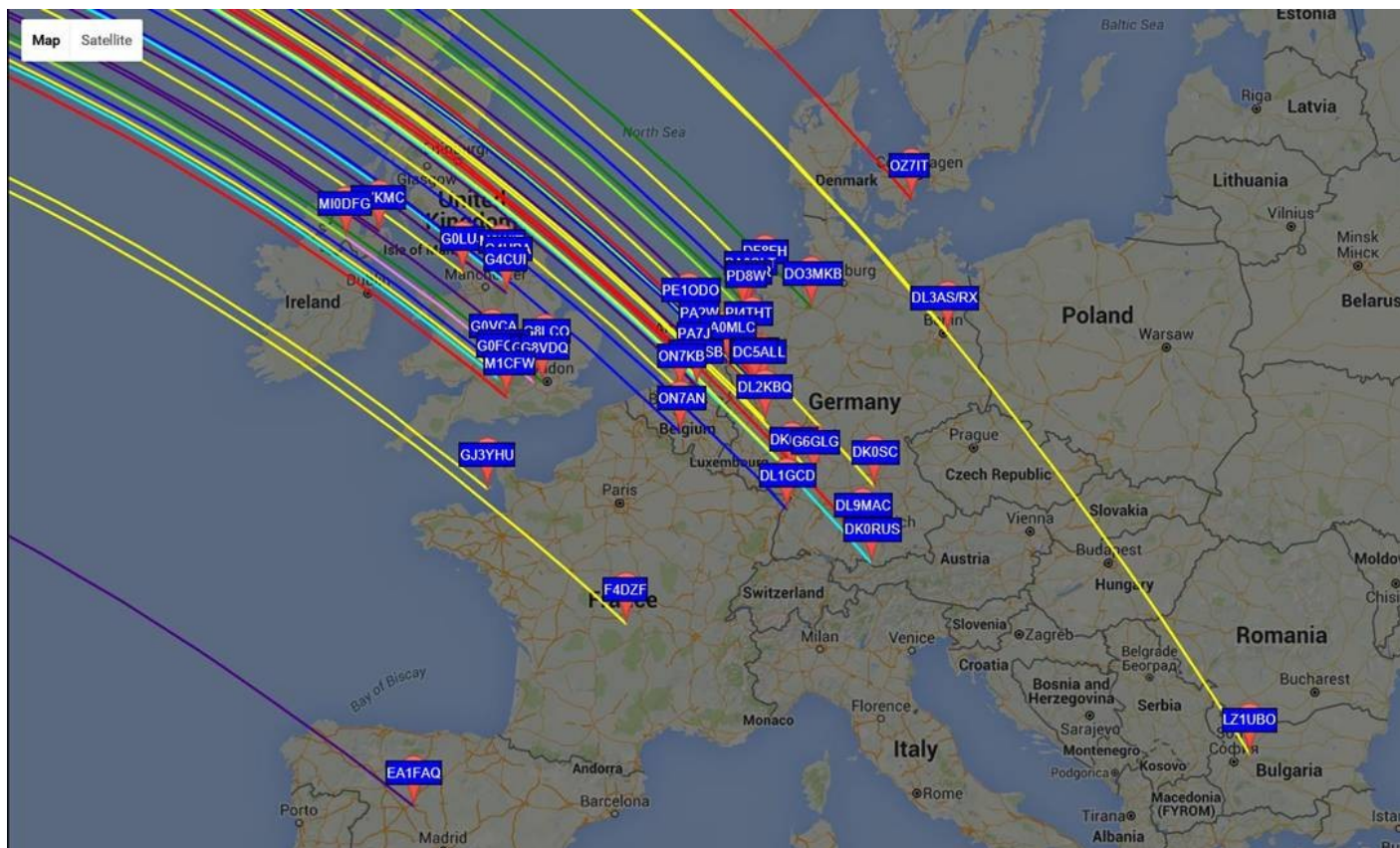
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JT65—work the world with an easy to use mode with 12 times the range of CW.

Learn to relax (in the comfort of your easy chair) and have your computer summon you each time your radio hears something needed (no cluster needed).

Our President, John, NA6L and Vice President Howard, W6HDG will set up a full featured HF station at the Sizzler meeting location and give a live demonstration of WSJT-X (JT65, JT9, WSPR and JTAlert). They will be working DX and domestic stations at the meeting for a hands-on experience showing how to operate the programs and make these data modes more effective.

Are you working on your first DXCC award, a 5 band DXCC or would like to be at DXCC levels on 8 or even 10 bands with 100 or more entities? Do you have noise; are the band conditions down, think that you are limited by your location and antennas or just need to "grow" your data band count on the tough bands? If the answer is yes, then WSJT-X may be a perfect addition to your DX tool box.



NA6L working Europe with 5 watts using WSPR

Ever seen anything quite like this?



KL7 EXPD #7 OPERATIONAL STATUS: NOT YET QRV

Always REFRESH your browser when returning !!!

QRX-QRX-QRX FOR IOTA # AND QSL INFORMATION

Do NOT send any Direct QSLs to K6VVA or N6AWD ;-(
Do NOT send any Buro QSLs to K6VVA or N6AWD ;-(

(N6AWD "retired" as my IOTA Expedition QSL Manager in 2015)

Between 1 JUNE 2016 and 30 AUGUST 2016, I intend to activate several more KL7 IOTAs. But each NA-xxx IOTA # will remain a "MYSTERY" until AFTER the Expedition is completed. You **MUST** check this webpage for details and Confirmation of QSO instructions, which will then include the specific date(s) of QRV and IOTA # needed to solve each "Mystery".

No need for Panic - more step-by-step instructions of how this works to follow.

WARNINGS !!!

#1: NEVER call me Out-Of-Turn !!!!!!!

#2: NO multi-band QSOs - 1 QSO only !!!

(This is necessary to give every IOTA Chaser the chance for a QSO.)

***** INFO as of 21 APRIL 2015 *****

For any UPDATES, check here or see K6VVA on [[TWITTER](#)]

K6VVA EXPEDITION QSL POLICY

For K6VVA EXPEDITIONS *****BEFORE***** 31 December 2014: -> Now QSL ONLY Via K6VVA !!!

For K6VVA EXPEDITIONS *****AFTER***** 1 January 2015: -> **Follow Instructions On This Page !!!**